GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADMISSIONS IN COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a significant number of students who passed senior secondary school examination during current academic year will not be able to get admission in colleges for further studies;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tackle the problem of students who desire to study further;

(c) whether the Government propose to make vocational subjects compulsory in higher secondary level and open vocational colleges all over India; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It is estimated that only 6% of the total persons in the age group of 18-23 in India are getting higher education. Government has proposed various measures to enhance the enrolment during the 10th Plan. Some of them are as follows:-

(i) increase in number of institutions;

(ii) increase in intake capacity; and

(iii) convergence of formal, non-formal, distance and IT educational institutions.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, suitable schemes have been initiated to facilitate the introduction of vocational courses at Secondary and Higher Education level.